

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND CONNECTION RESTRICTION
for

**CITY OF LAKEPORT MUNICIPAL SEWER DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
LAKE COUNTY**

The City of Lakeport Municipal Sewer District (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility that serves approximately 5,150 residents in the City of Lakeport. The wastewater system provides secondary treatment of domestic wastewater in a baffled pond system and then wastewater is sent to a storage reservoir. Disinfected wastewater is discharged to land application areas via spray and flood irrigation methods.

The Discharger's wastewater system is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 98-207 which allows a monthly average discharge not to exceed 1.05 million gallons per day (mgd). The Discharger's wastewater system has a history of sewage spills that have resulted in violations of the WDRs. In addition, the Discharger's water balance, which was based on 100-year annual precipitation, shows that there is inadequate reservoir storage or disposal capacity under the permitted flow rate of 1.05 mgd, as well as under the current flow rate of 0.64 mgd.

Because the volume of influent exceeds the amount that the Discharger's wastewater system is physically capable of storing and disposing, the proposed Cease and Desist Order (CDO) prohibits new connections to the sewage collection system. Upon adoption of the CDO, the connection prohibition will apply retroactively as specified in Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2244.1(a).

Effective immediately, no new structures may connect to the collection system except those authorized by a building permit (or equivalent final local agency approval) issued prior to the date of this notice. Limited additional exceptions apply as described in the draft CDO.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 15/16 March 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Staff of the City of Lakeport Municipal Sewer District

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **18 February 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **18 February 2007**. **Written evidence or comments submitted after 18 February 2007 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.**

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed CDO should contact Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

- Original Signed by -

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

18 January 2007